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President and Mrs. Jordan and 13 students starred in a 20-second holiday greeting video following a request to Gallaudet by "See-Hear," a weekly television program that is popular among deaf people in Britain, for holiday greetings from around the world. In addition to sending the video to the British Broadcasting Corporation, the University has also sent it to other international deaf media outlets and to television stations in the local area. In this photo, the group receives instruction before the shooting begins. Pictured are (from left): seated—Cathy McCormack, Vyron Kinston, Jessica Adams, Jon Centrano, Humberto Insolera, Jo-Anne Brand; standing—Jenny Lynn Dietrich, Ellen Nauta, Tom Korn, Tanya Sealy, Wanda Riddle, President Jordan, and Mrs. Jordan. Also present, but not pictured, are Salatiel Pineda and Anita Mazzuca. In the video, students and the Jordans say, "May this festive season fill your home with joy, fill your heart with love, and laughter. From all of us at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., happy holidays!" A captioned version of the greeting can be viewed on the Internet by going to winmedia.gallaudet.edu/pubrel/happyholidays.html. The offices of Alumni Relations and Public Relations worked with Academic Technology-TV & Media to produce the holiday greeting.

CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

Clerc Center hosts annual GURC meeting

By Margaret Hallau, Ph.D.

The Clerc Center hosted the annual meeting of the Gallaudet University Regional Center (GURC) directors and regional and outreach specialists from November 13-16.

The purpose of the meeting is for the GURCs to learn about initiatives at the Clerc Center, to share information about GURC initiatives, and to collaborate with the Clerc Center in developing implementation activities. In addition, the GURCs meet with individuals from the University on topics of mutual interest, such as the Academic Bowls, extension courses, and

recruitment.

GURC staff attending the meeting included: Steve Larew, director, and Chachie Joseph, outreach specialist, at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla.; Kim Beardslee, director, and Mandy Christian, outreach specialist, at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan.; Sara Simmons, director, at Kapi'olani Community College in Honolulu, Hawaii; Kathy Vesey, director, and Fran Conlin-Griffin, outreach specialist, at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, Mass.; and Pam Snedigar, director, and Leyla Erol,

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Presidential Search Committee update

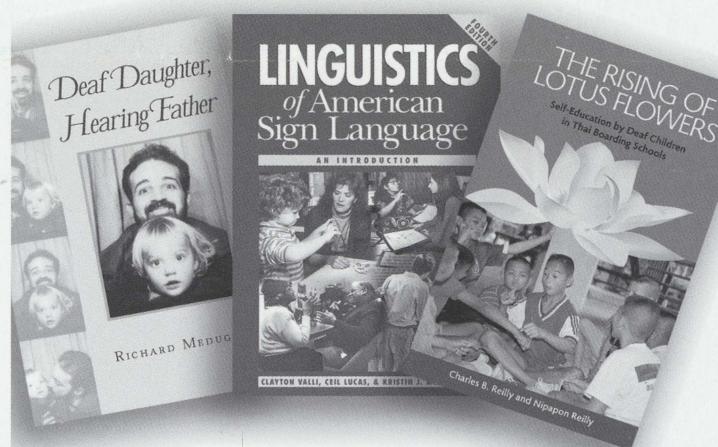
The Search Committee had its first meeting November 18 and 19, during which time it conducted interviews with four experienced search firms.

Pamela Holmes, chair of the Search Committee, will make an announcement of the search firm selected to assist the committee in the search process once the contract negotiations are completed. Once the search firm is hired, its representatives will visit campus and interview various stakeholders to then create a presidential profile that will be shared with potential candidates.

Updates about the Search Committee's process will be posted on the Presidential Search Process website and in the *Daily Digest*. If there are questions about the Search Committee or the search process, please contact Holmes, through the Board of Trustees liaison, Patti Kunkle. 



Charles Reilly and Nipapon ("Jum") Reilly sign copies of their book, *The Rising of Lotus Flowers: Self-Education by Deaf Children in Thai Boarding Schools*, following a November 4 presentation in the SAC Multipurpose Room. Charles Reilly, a research scientist in the Gallaudet Research Institute, was a teacher and community organizer in Thailand for eight years; Nipapon Reilly, a teacher aide at the Clerc Center, is a deaf Thai. The Reillys studied students at the Bua School, a 400-resident Thai deaf school whose students range in age from 6 to 19, for 14 years, with periodic follow-ups. The authors uncovered a rich variety of language, creative activities, and social structure created by the children themselves, and how they elevate their minds above their conditions to knowledge of societal and deaf ways. This seminal book reveals a hidden role of residential schooling in aiding human development, transmission of a sign language, and the formation of a deaf community. The book, which is published by the Gallaudet University Press, is on sale at the Press or at the University Bookstore. To view a selection from the book online, go to gupress.gallaudet.edu/excerpts/ROLtwo.html



Gallaudet Press' fall offerings include wide variety of titles

By Dan Wallace

The fall list from Gallaudet University Press features a wide variety of books, beginning with Richard Medugno's *Deaf Daughter, Hearing Father*.

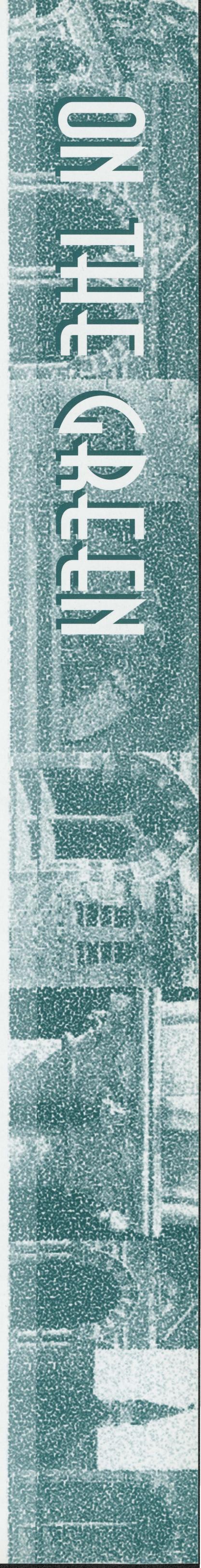
Medugno recounts his family's journey during the past 14 years to find the best educational opportunities for his deaf daughter, Miranda. Quickly dismissing the speech-only model, he and his wife chose ASL as the best, natural language for Miranda. He surrounded her with opportunities to learn ASL, by interacting with deaf individuals and families and also by hiring deaf babysitters. He also determined to learn ASL himself. As Miranda neared school age, Medugno spearheaded a transcontinental search for exactly the right school for her education. So that Miranda could attend the California School for the Deaf, the Medugno family moved from Toronto to Fremont, Calif. Her growing success has allowed Medugno to recognize that

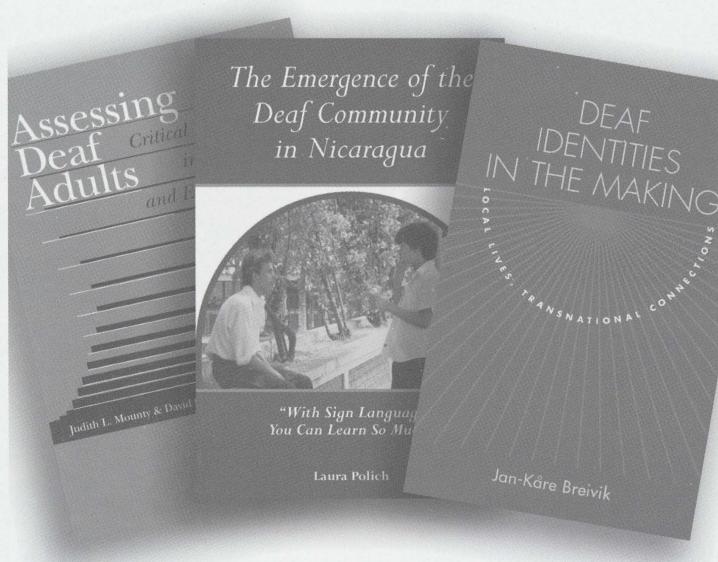
the rewards of having a deaf daughter are far greater than he could have hoped for or imagined.

The Press also published the fourth edition of the landmark reference *Linguistics of American Sign Language: An Introduction*, written by Clayton Valli, Ceil Lucas, and Kristin J. Mulrooney. The fourth edition offers new and updated units on the basic elements of ASL grammar, and also groundbreaking research on ASL iconic signs and metaphors. Each volume also includes a special DVD of ASL stories that correspond to the homework assignments in the text.

The Rising of Lotus Flowers: Self-Education by Deaf Children in Thai Boarding Schools, by Charles B. Reilly and Nipapon Reilly, shares the findings of a 14-year study of 400 deaf students in the Bua School, a residential school in Thailand. This book reveals that the students learned little from their formal instructors but that they educated each other in time spent

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GU Press' fall offerings

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away from the classroom. Ranging in age from 6 to 19, the students met with great success in teaching each other Thai Sign Language and a world of knowledge once thought to be lost to them. The Reillys' study offers analytical evidence of the value of peer support in deaf education.

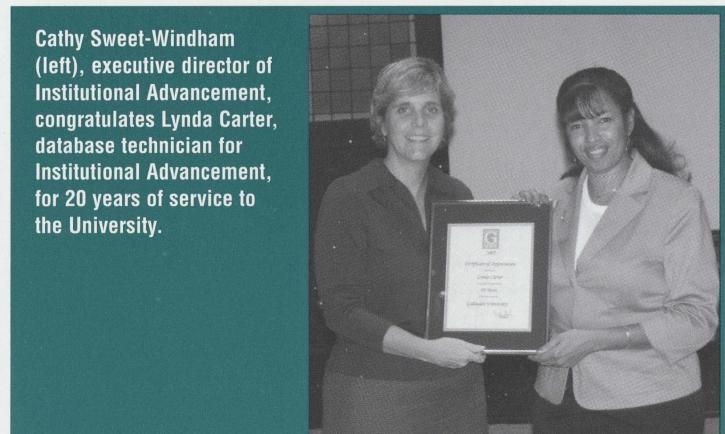
The Press has released two other compelling studies this season, including *Assessing Deaf Adults: Critical Issues in Testing and Evaluation*, by Judith L. Mounty and David S. Martin, which presents relevant research to meet the challenge of high-stakes testing that has come to dominate edu-

tional policy and qualification for various occupations. *The Emergence of the Deaf Community in Nicaragua: With Sign Language You Can Learn So Much*, provides a fascinating account of Laura Polich's nine-year study of the deaf community in Nicaragua and her findings about its formation and that of Nicaraguan Sign Language in its wake. *Deaf Identities in the Making: Local Lives, Transnational Connections*, by Jan-Kåre Breivik, profiles 10 Norwegian deaf people living within a translocal/transnational framework to depict how core questions of identity are approached from different deaf points of view.

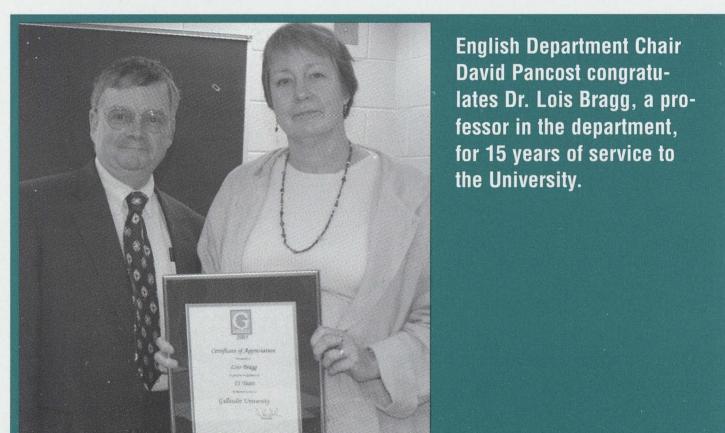
These and other books can be obtained on campus at the Bison Shop or online at gupress.gallaudet.edu. 



Graduate School and Professional Programs
Dean Thomas Allen accepts his 25-year service award from Provost Jane Fernandes.



Cathy Sweet-Windham (left), executive director of Institutional Advancement, congratulates Lynda Carter, database technician for Institutional Advancement, for 20 years of service to the University.



English Department Chair David Pancost congratulates Dr. Lois Bragg, a professor in the department, for 15 years of service to the University.



Dr. Jack Hoza, assistant professor and director of the bachelor's degree program in sign language interpretation at the University of New Hampshire at Manchester, presents November 11 on a recent language study. Hoza has investigated and compared the ways native ASL signers and English speakers make requests and rejections. He outlined his discoveries, including four distinct facial expressions and other nonmanual markers that allow ASL users to express the phrase "do you mind...?" in many different ways, depending on the ease or difficulty of a request or rejection. Both groups found it hard to turn down requests like, "Can I borrow a dollar for the train?" and to make requests like, "Can I take extra time off for Thanksgiving?" Most were influenced by the power status of the person with whom they interacted, finding it easier, for example, to make requests in a supervisor's role. Hoza's findings will be published in an upcoming book, *It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It: Politeness in American Sign Language and English*, published by Gallaudet University Press.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Service awards for October:

Five years:

Alice Kreisle, audiologist, Clerc Center; **Sirak Mekonnen**, warehouse clerk, Systems and Operations; **John Smith**, groundskeeper/trash removal, Grounds

Ten years:

Chantrawan Chittasingh, clinical supervisor, Student Health Services; **Roy Wesley**, custodian/floor maintenance, Custodial Services

Fifteen years:

Dwight Alston, teaching fellow, KDES Principal's Office

Twenty years:

Peck Choo-Kim, database management assistant, Gallaudet Research Institute; **Audrey Frank**, educational specialist, Social Work; **Charles Kelly**, coordinator, professional development, Clerc Center; **Valerie Rivas**, serials technician, University Library

Twenty-five years:

Ruth Reed, ASL/deaf culture specialist, Clerc Center; **Darlene Hubbard**, campus service representative, Bookstore; **Leonard Kelly**, research scientist II, Gallaudet Research Institute

Thirty years:

Marilyn Farmer, KDES principal, KDES Principal's Office; **Kenneth Cain**, supervisor, access and energy management, Systems and Operations; **Thomas Quinn**, guidance/transition counselor, Clerc Center

New employees hired in October:
Daun Banks, executive secre-

tary, President's Office; **Eric Bruckman**, residential educator, Clerc Center; **Erin Casler**, assistant director, corporation and foundation relations, Development Office; **Donnell Dixon**, finisher, Maintenance Services; **Michelle Dunston**, administrative assistant, President's Office; **Steven Feinsmith**, senior user support technician, Information Technology Service; **Meghan Hairston**, administrative secretary/scheduler, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **James Lucas**, groundskeeper/trash removal, Grounds Services; **Stephen Maloney, Jr.**, athletic assistant, Athletics; **Valerie Miller**, administrative secretary, associate dean, Academic Departments; **Mark Morrison**, interpreter II, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Kim Sexton**, administrative secretary, Department of Communication Studies; **Matthew Sickon**, donor relations specialist, Development Office; **Patrice Waggoner**, administrative secretary, Summer Programs

Promotions, reclassifications, and transfers:

Jeanelle Faith, administrative secretary, Department of Interpretation; **Travis Imel**, program manager, Campus Life; **Danielle Puzio**, manager, operations and interpreting services, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Wendy Wiatrowski**, coordinator, programs and projects, Gallaudet Leadership Institute; **Jamie Yost**, interpreter II, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

Retirement:

Robert T. Mobley, Education



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

How important do you think it is that the next president of Gallaudet be Deaf—or deaf? Everyone on campus agrees that he or she must be either, though there's no consensus on which quality is preferable. What do you think?

Looking for Answers

Dear LFA,

Whether or not the next president is Deaf or deaf is of minimal concern to Aunty. What really matters is that he or she is unquestionably DEFT. As in smart, effective, nifty, clever, nimble, etc. A deft Deaf president or a deft deaf president will suit me just fine, thank you.



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STUDENT AFFAIRS *Exposé*

Third Mental Health and Deafness World Congress

By Lauri L. Rush, Psy.D., Mental Health Center director, and William Kachman, Ph.D., Mental Health Center associate director

Gallaudet staff and faculty were well represented at the Third World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness that was held on the campus of the Institute for the Deaf in Worcester, South Africa, in October. A total of 392 delegates from 57 countries attended the Congress, with 195 of the delegates from 36 African countries. The goals of the Congress were to promote accessibility, availability, equitability, and appropriateness of health and mental health services for deaf people worldwide.

This Congress was the third meeting of its kind. The first, hosted by Gallaudet in 1998, was the brainchild of Dr. Barbara Brauer, former executive director of the Mental Health Center (MHC) at Gallaudet. She worked with the European Society for Mental Health and Deafness to plan this highly successful first Congress, with nearly 500 delegates in attendance.

At the Third Congress meeting this year, the MHC sponsored a tribute to the achievements of Brauer, who passed away in July 2004. The tribute included a moving presentation during the opening ceremonies on Brauer's contributions to the field and a plaque recognizing her as a pioneer in the field, placed on a memorial wall at the Institute. The MHC also made a donation in her honor to allow the Congress to publish a CD version of the proceedings.

Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen, a Gallaudet alumna (social work) and the only deaf member of the South Africa Parliament, gave an inspirational keynote address on "Mental Health in a Caring Society." Those of us from Gallaudet were excited to meet with such an illustrious

deaf leader and to reminisce about her days at Gallaudet.

Gallaudet participants also had the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise through several presentations. Carla Shird of the MHC was overwhelmingly well-received when she spoke at a plenary session on substance abuse treatment with deaf and hard of hearing clients. Many of the delegates were from developing countries that lacked services of this type, and delegates were able to take back this new information to help establish or improve services for their deaf citizens.

Dr. Lauri Rush also represented the MHC when she chaired a plenary session and presented to a children and families special interest group. Her poignant and moving presentation on raising a deaf child prompted many members of the audience to approach her afterwards, seeking additional information on raising successful and happy deaf children. Kathleen Connelly, a Gallaudet clinical psychology graduate student and MHC trainee, presented a workshop with Drs. Carolyn Corbett and Asiah Mason, faculty from the Psychology Department. Their presentation on talking to deaf and hard of hearing kids about sexual issues was fascinating and an eye-opener for many of the delegates.

For all the attendees at the Congress it was an exhilarating, inspirational, and educational event. Witnessing a gathering of so many professionals from so many diverse countries, and sharing their time, knowledge, and energy to improve mental health services for deaf individuals was an amazing experience. It is gratifying to see how the work that began at the first World Congress at Gallaudet continues to impact deaf individuals around the world. **G**

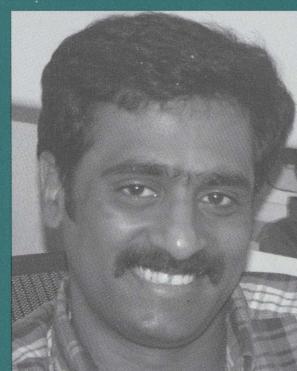


Biology Department Chair Ann Powell congratulates three faculty members who have reached employment milestones at the University (from left): Dr. Ava Morrow, associate professor (25 years), Dr. Derek Braun, associate professor (five years), and Dr. Jane Dillehay, professor (25 years).

ROVING REPORTER

BY ANTHONY MOWL, INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT INTERN

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR 2006?



Chinnababu Gudapati,
PeopleSoft consultant,
Information Technology
Services

I want to work harder next year, and work more hours so I can learn as much as I can about technology.



Na Su
sophomore from China

I hope to improve my GPA to 3.6 and become a nicer person!



Elice Patterson
coordinator of registration
services, Registrar's Office

I want to go back to school and get my master's.

Studentsaurus

New Orleans student brings pragmatic attitude to Gallaudet



Displaced New Orleans student Christina Pullen by the pool where she swims for the Bison.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, one of the casualties was thousands of students' college education. According to the Associated Press, it is estimated that 75,000 college students were displaced from New Orleans alone. One of those students, Christina Pullen, made her way to Gallaudet.

On the Green featured Pullen in its September 23 issue, just after she had arrived on campus. Now, a few months later, she has settled in. *On the Green* checked in with Pullen recently and learned that her life since Katrina has taken many unexpected turns.

Pullen seems to have taken

each of the turns in her life in stride. After the hurricane, her home and many of her possessions were destroyed and her part of the city was submerged under 20 feet of flood water. Less than a month later, she was at Gallaudet, taking on new classes and adapting to campus life despite arriving a few weeks into the semester.

Instead of feeling nervous or overwhelmed, she noted two major benefits from her time at Gallaudet. She was selected for the swim team—a rare accomplishment for a student's first year, she said—and has had a chance to improve her ASL. She has enjoyed contributing to the Bison spirit and knows that

better signing skills will help her in the upcoming Miss Deaf America competition. Indeed, in addition to bringing her swimming skills and pragmatic attitude to Kendall Green, she has also brought her status as the reigning Miss Deaf Louisiana.

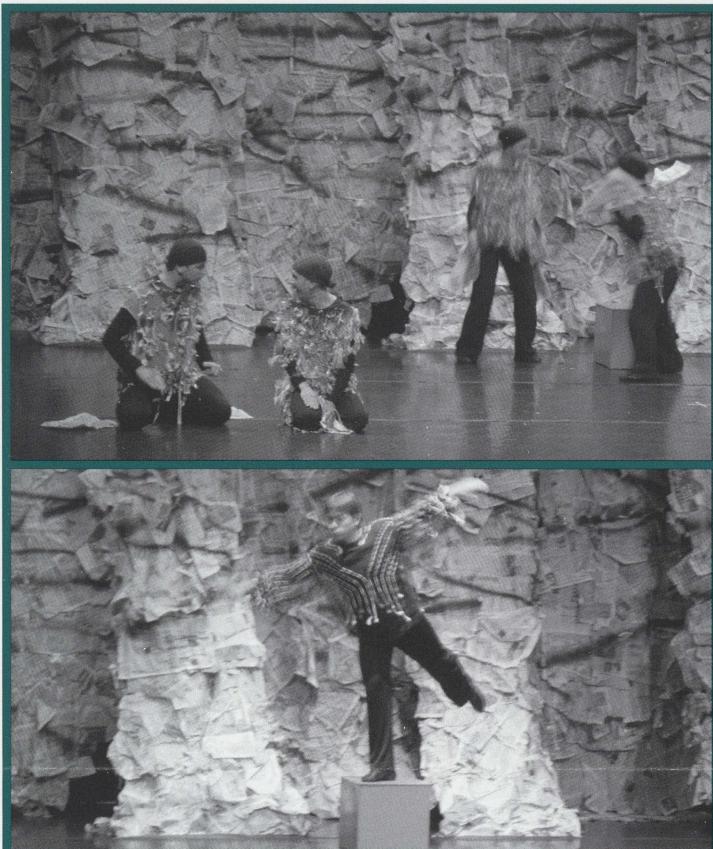
One of the most significant changes is Pullen's shift of career focus. She was accepted to Gallaudet for the fall of 2004, but decided to explore a culinary arts program at Delgado Community College in New Orleans. Now, she would like to become a nurse. She plans to eventually go back to her city and has learned that nurses are sorely needed there. Besides, she says frankly, "Washington, D.C., isn't known for its food like New Orleans." She plans to finish the academic year at Gallaudet and then transfer to the nursing program at the University of Maryland.

Although Pullen plans to settle in New Orleans, where she grew up, she vows that she will return to D.C. "I know people here [and] I still haven't seen all of the monuments and museums, and would like to bring my family to see them. I'll still come back to visit." **G**

Correction:

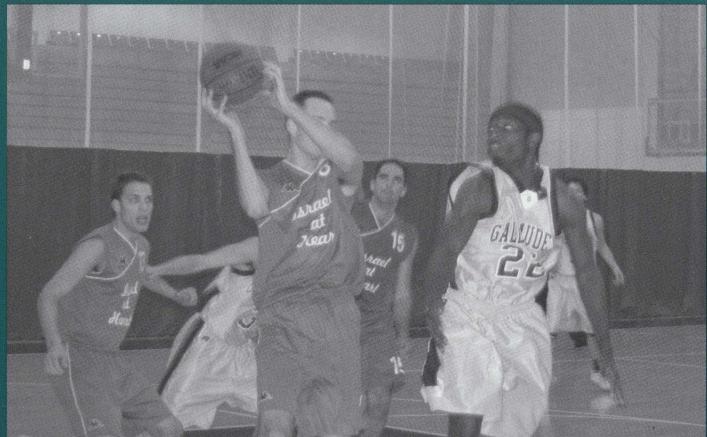
An article in the November 18 issue of *On the Green*, "Faculty and professional staff recognized for FY '05 federal grant awards," compiled by the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), did not correctly provide the titles of four grants. Those grants, awarded to Dr. Carol LaSasso, a professor in the Department of Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences, are correctly titled: "A New Ph.D. Program To Prepare Future Faculty In Audiology With An Emphasis On Recruitment And Preparation Of Individuals Who Are Deaf/Hard Of Hearing And/Or From Underrepresented Racial-Ethnic Group," \$186,405 and \$196,866; and "Preparation of Clinical (Au.D.) Audiologists With A Pediatric-Educational Audiology Program Emphasis To Serve Culturally And Linguistically Diverse 0-21 Populations: Focusing On Recruitment Of Individuals With Disabilities Or From Underrepresented Racial-Ethnic Groups," \$249,112 and \$245,147. The OSP welcomes the opportunity to make this revision and to congratulate Dr. LaSasso again on her tremendously successful year.

The third in a series of forums entitled "Speakout" that give students an opportunity to share their thoughts on Gallaudet was held in the SUB Marketplace on November 10. Joshua Beckman, Speakout chair for the Student Body Government (SBG), and facilitator of the forum, pictured with student Cassandra Perez, compiles the comments and sends them to SBG leaders after each Speakout. Similar events will continue throughout the year to keep key players in the SBG aware of concerns and help them take effective action.



The Nedoslov Theatre Company of Russia showed the talents of its deaf cast in Washington, D.C., during November 13 and 14 free performances at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and MSSD's Theatre Malz. Pictured are scenes from the play *Chaika—Wings are Given to All* in English—which combined mime and dance to express a message that was accessible to both deaf and hearing audiences. The performances were made possible by Gallaudet's Theatre Arts Department, Quest: arts for everyone, and other Gallaudet departments and organizations.

(Top) The Bison and Israel at Heart, a traveling Israeli team, played a November 4 exhibition basketball game, which Gallaudet won 54-50. Israel at Heart is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote a better understanding of Israel and its people. The game was one of several activities that the organization initiated during its stay. Earlier that day, team members invited the campus community to a panel discussion, and the following week (bottom) Eytan Schwartz (center, front), an Israeli goodwill ambassador traveling with the team, spoke to a Department of Communication Studies group discussion class led by Paula Tucker (center, rear).



Nancy Higgins, executive vice president of ethics and chief ethics officer for MCI—and the mother of Student Body Government President Michael Higgins—spoke to two Department of Business classes on November 29. During the presentations, she offered examples of ethically sound decisions in challenging situations and stressed the importance of honesty in the business world. She also gave each of the business professors a copy of support materials used by MCI for ethics training. (Also pictured is Gallaudet Interpreting Service interpreter Adam Bartley.)

Clerc Center hosts GURC meeting

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regional specialist, at Ohlone College in Fremont, Calif.

The GURCs had extensive discussion, organized by Janne Harrelson, director of National Mission Planning, about projects in the Clerc Center's priority areas. Betsy Meynardie, manager of Training and Professional Development (TPD), updated the GURCs on training initiatives such as an expanded summer institute, while Debra Nussbaum, coordinator of the Cochlear Implant Education Center, described the cochlear implant and Visual Phonics workshops offered through TPD. The Clerc Center's long-range plans have been streamlined to respond to changing training needs around the country, including an increase in requests from individuals about where they can participate in training.

Carla Hanyzewski, family involvement coordinator, described plans for a new initiative to offer Family Learning Vacations (FLVs) in the summer; the GURCs described their experiences in offering FLVs in their regions. Nancy Berrigan, literacy coordinator, provided an overview of topics such as language planning activities underway at the Clerc Center, followed by Dave Schleper, coordinator of literacy training and development projects, who described the dialogue journal and literacy overview materials currently in production at the Clerc Center. Sue Jacoby, transition coordinator, and the GURCs discussed ways to disseminate information about the transition materials available from the Clerc Center.

In addition to meetings with the Clerc Center, the GURCs also met with individuals from the University. The GURCs host the regional Academic Bowl competitions and work closely with Gallaudet staff on the national competition. Debra Lawson, director of Outreach Programs and Publications, led the discussion on the upcoming Academic Bowls, including the possibility of an "at large" Bowl. Around the country, there are waiting lists of teams that are interested in participating in the regional Bowls, including teams that have never participated in past competitions.

The GURCs are responsible for offering Gallaudet extension courses in their regions. They determine interest levels in the courses available from the University and coordinate the logistics for the courses. In their meeting with Laura Cook, director of the Office of Extended Learning, they described some of the challenges they are currently encountering in offering extension courses and the strategies they use to market online and extension courses. The directors discussed placement testing and recruitment with Darien Burwell, recruitment coordinator, and Carie Palmer, director of Developmental Programs.

During the closing activity of the meeting, the general theme of the comments was that the GURCs and the Clerc Center have become a team, working collaboratively to focus on student achievement. As one director said, "It is exciting to be a part of well-planned activities. We are working together towards common goals that will benefit students, their families, and the professionals who work with them." G

